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**NASHUA MAN SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS AFTER REVOCATION OF
SUPERVISED RELEASE**

United States v. Gilberto RIVERA

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE -- United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Nashua Police Chief Timothy Hefferan announced that Gilberto RIVERA, 33, of Nashua, New Hampshire was sentenced today to two years in federal prison for violating the terms of his supervised release by selling cocaine in Nashua during December, 2003.

In 1998, RIVERA was convicted of cocaine distribution and unlawful firearm possession in U.S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire, and sentenced to five years and three months imprisonment. Following his release from federal prison, he was placed under the supervision of the U.S. Department of Probation (the federal equivalent of parole supervision). RIVERA violated the conditions of his supervised release by selling cocaine in Nashua during December, 2003, culminating in his arrest by the Nashua Police Department Narcotics Intelligence Division detectives.

At today's supervised revocation hearing, U.S. District Judge Paul Barbadoro imposed a sentence of 24 months (2 years) imprisonment, the maximum sentenced provided under the law. RIVERA still faces state charges pending in the Hillsborough County Superior Court in Nashua.

The prosecution against RIVERA resulted from an investigation conducted by the Nashua Police Department Narcotics Intelligence Division. The prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante and U.S. Probation Officer Kevin Lavigne.